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Via email: 73041-75867951@requests.muckrock.com

Re: HQ-2019-00934-F

Dear Mr. Pfeiffer:

This is the final response to the request for information that you sent to the Department of Energy (DOE) under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552. You requested:

Reports, memos, documents, analyses of alternatives, or other records that consider, explain, and justify the arguments and decision to promulgate in the 2018 Nuclear Posture Review—and after--an 80 plutonium pit manufacturing requirement by 2030 for the US nuclear weapon complex. In other words, records that would permit me to understand the range of intra-/inter- agency stockholder opinions and arguments as well as the technical, logical, economic, strategic, and political basis for understanding the choice of 80 pits. You may restrict your search for records to the period between and including 01/01/2016 and 05/01/2019. Please also include records relating to the choice of Savannah River as a pit manufacturing site also.

In a June 3, 2019, email with Mr. Craig Greenberg, of my office, you clarified your request to the following:

For the purposes of this request you may confine your search for records to the following DOE agencies, programs, institutions, etc.: the Savannah River Site; Hanford and Richmond; Oak Ridge; DOE HQ; and any relevant working groups and DOE-DOD committees, etc.

The following DOE program offices were queried to determine if they had jurisdiction over your request:

- The National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA)



- The Savannah River Operations Office (SRO);
- The Richland Operations Office (ROO);
- The Oak Ridge Operations Office (ORO); and
- The Office of Nuclear Energy (NE).

These DOE offices have reviewed your request. Savannah River, Richland, Oak Ridge, and NE have all responded that your request does not fall under their jurisdiction. On June 4, 2019, NNSA informed you that it had received your same request filed with its office and informed you it was transferring your request to the U.S. Department of Defense (DOD). Therefore, no further actions will be taken by this office.

You may contact DOE's FOIA Public Liaison, Alexander Morris, FOIA Officer, Office of Public Information, at 202-586-5955, or by mail at MA-46/Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585, for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

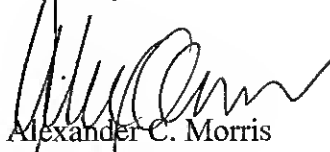
The FOIA provides for the assessment of fees for the processing of requests. *See* 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(i); *see also* 10 C.F.R. § 1004.9(a). In our May 28, 2019 letter, you were informed that your request was placed in the educational category for fee purposes. Requesters in this category are charged fees for duplication only and are provided 100 pages at no cost. DOE's processing costs did not exceed \$15, the minimum at which DOE assesses fees. Thus, no fees will be charged for processing your request.

This is the final response that you will receive about your request from this office. If you have any questions about the processing of the request or this letter, you may contact Mr. Craig Greenberg, or me, at:

MA-46/Forrestal Building
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20585
(202) 586-7504

I appreciate the opportunity to assist you with this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alex Morris', written over the printed name.

Alexander C. Morris
FOIA Officer
Office of Public Information